IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Leslie D. GIST, John M. BEVILLE, James P. NICHOLS, Jr.
Serial Number:	10/644,889
Filed:	August 20, 2003
Title:	Rotatable Handle for Reciprocating Saws
Art Unit:	3724
Examiner:	*Not yet known*
Atty. Docket No.:	54525.000106

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

I.   INTRODUCTION

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered into the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amendments directed below include editing marks. New text in an amended paragraph or claim is underlined (new text). Deleted text in an amended paragraph or claim is indicated with a strikethrough (deleted text) or enclosed in double brackets ([[deleted text]]).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b), Applicants hereby provide notice that new claims 37- 81 are copied from U.S. patent application serial no. 10/011,251 in order to provoke an interference. Because the newly added claims in the present application interfere with those
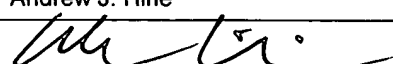
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in U.S. patent application serial no. 10/011,251, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office declare an interference.

Each new claim is supported by the original disclosure. Appendix A includes a chart that demonstrates the support in the original disclosure for each element of the new claims. The drawing figures and portions of the specification which are cited in Appendix A are merely exemplary of the support found throughout the disclosure.

FEE TRANSMITTAL

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2. **EXTRA CLAIMS FEES**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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TOTAL CLAIMS	81	36	45	x $ 18.00	x $ 9.00	$ 810.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9	4	5	x $ 86.00	x $ 43.00	$ 430.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				$ 290.00	$ 145.00	$ 0.00
TOTAL EXTRA CLAIMS FEES						**$ 1,240.00**

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